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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Task Team III

SUBJECT: Requirements for Foreign Publications

In preparation for future meetings, I have queried components of CIA for their views and answers to questions the Team is interested in. A copy of my query memo is sent you herewith for information and any use you may wish to make of it.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence
Assistant Director for Current Intelligence
Assistant Director for National Estimates
Assistant Director for Research and Reports
Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence
Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center
Chief, FI/RQM

SUBJECT: Requirements for Foreign Publications

1. The CODIS Foreign Publications Task Team is undertaking a Community-wide review of the procurement and processing of foreign publications. As a first step, the Team is seeking to establish, on a broad scale, the value of foreign publications to Intelligence and the need for their procurement and processing.

2. In this connection, your cooperation is sought for answers to the following questions:

- a. How much are foreign publications used as a source for intelligence production?
- b. How much are foreign publications used for other purposes, such as background reading, operational purposes, leads generating collection requirements, research and development?
- c. How are foreign publications generally evaluated as a source of intelligence information?
- d. What generally is the reliability factor of information in foreign publications?

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- e. How are present procurement efforts in foreign publications evaluated? What are major shortcomings if any?
- f. Can it be fairly assumed that the present flow of orders on publications procurement activities represent all current requirements for original foreign publications? What is the trend in requirements for foreign publications?
- g. How extensively can publications be used in their original form without any processing? What is the language training policy for researchers and analysts?
- h. Which processing activities are required? Please specify on the attached chart those methods which would best meet your needs. Where more than one method is required for a given type of publication, please so indicate.
- i. What processing activities within or outside the Government currently meet some or all of your needs satisfactorily? If only some are, please specify them.
- j. Can you identify current foreign publications processing activities that serve no useful purpose for you?
- k. What categories of information resulting from processing of foreign publications do not require dissemination for current awareness purposes, but do require storage in repositories for retrospective search? (e.g. biographic, graphic, organization, installation)

3. Your replies and any other comments you wish to make would be most appreciated by 11 January 1965.

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Central Reference

Attachment

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Types of Processing Desired for Categories of Foreign Publications

	Title	Abstracts	Extracts*	Summaries*	Translation	AdHoc	None
	Lists				Regular*		
UNEN							
BOOKS							
MAGAZINES							
NEWSPAPERS							
E. EUROPE							
BOOKS							
MAGAZINES							
NEWSPAPERS							
W. EUROPE							
BOOKS							
MAGAZINES							
NEWSPAPERS							
COMM. FE							
BOOKS							
MAGAZINES							
NEWSPAPERS							
NON-COMM. FE							
BOOKS							
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NEWSPAPERS							
NEAR EAST							
BOOKS							
MAGAZINES							
NEWSPAPERS							
AFRICA							
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NEWSPAPERS							
L. AMERICA							
BOOKS							
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ENGLISH							
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* Based on guide requirements.

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